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The Ministry for Heavy Machine Construction, Main Administration for Lower Machine Construction, Procurement Section, was unsuccessful during the period from April to July 1953 in obtaining delivery of 864 tons of boiler plates from SAG Marten/Hettstedt. Representatives of the Ministry discussed this problem with the following representatives of the Soviet Control Commission in Berlin-Karlshorst: Tarasov (fnu), Rozhdestvensky (fnu) and Komotsky (fnu). The officials promised to discuss the matter with USIG officials Bebenin and Krutko. A letter was sent from USIG to the Director-General of SAG Marten/Hettstedt, Kariakin, requesting that the plate be delivered. A letter by Minister Ziller on this subject addressed to the Chief of USIG on 25 June 1953 was answered by Trofinov on 7 July 1953 with a refusal. A letter from Minister Ziller dated 10 July 1953 to Bebenin on this subject was answered on 18 July by Trofinov. As of 28 July 1953 the plate had not been delivered. A copy of the memorandum was sent to the East German Central Control Commission.

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Comment. Trofinov is presumably identical with Sergey Petrovich Trofinov, acting chief of USIG in the summer of 1953.

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